

DOST ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2012

GRANTS APPLIED FOR RECEIVED AND UNDER WAY WITH DPR MANAGING THEM PUBLIC PRIVATE/ PARTNERSHIPS, A TOTAL OF 20,000 IN GRANT FUNDS.

- Campus Hills Trail from NCDENR State Trails Division for bridge and nature trail and an additional \$5,000 from Triangle off Road Cyclists to complete the trail to the north for mountain bikers.
- Sandy Creek Trail and Park Grants – Partnerships with Friends of New Hope, the New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee, Keep Durham Beautiful and Durham Academy continue to expand the park as a nature area for children and persons with disabilities.
- Dedication of Bridge in Memoriam to Ken Coulter in Sandy Creek Park for his work on The New Hope Creek Plan and other environmental issues throughout the community.
- Additional grant sources being reviewed for future work on Sandy Creek as an outdoor ADA accessible facility.

BRIDGES/TRAIL CONSTRUCTION, COMPLETION, AND NEGOTIATIONS

- Bid package released for last phase “E” of ATT. ATT nearing completion on the southern end – 2013 projected for opening bridge over I-40.
- Completion and grand opening of the R. Kelly Bryant Bridge over NC 147. Wooden bridges constructed through woods near school for access (trails Committee). Note: A beer at Bull City Burger the, “R. Kelly Bryant Bridge Golden Ale” has been named after Mr. Bryant and the bridge.
- The \$ 55,000 matching grant funded bridge on the Mountains-to-Sea Trail (MTST) was finished in May of 2012. Final connections to the MTST section in Hillsborough are being made with an easement negotiation completed across the North Carolina State Plant Conservation program lands and the North Carolina Division of Agriculture (Botanical Garden managed lands in Penny’s Bend), and City-owned lands. This will complete the final leg connecting MTST to Hillsborough.
- Completion and opening of the Third Fork Creek Trail 3.2 miles (Phase One).
- Completion of the trail for Herndon Park known as the ATT Connector (\$2,500) - grant funded through the Rails to Trails organization.
- Reached the Negotiation stage with an offer to purchase made by NCDOT and the City Of Durham for the Duke Beltline for 2.5 million (earmark funds transferred to the TIP for that purpose). Still like to buy it, funds are still there. New negotiations, private donors and partnerships?
- Completion of the 2011-2012 revision of the DTAG plan.

- The completion of the Ellerbe Creek phase II site plan with the possibility of funding for construction in 2013.

OTHER PROJECTS and ACTIONS

- Negotiations continuing with outside agencies (Federal lands, wildlife managed) for camping areas along MTST Falls Lake Durham County.
- Army Corps of Engineers Falls Lake Master Plan 2012 update comments submitted on Draft.
- Completion of the Draft Downtown Open Space Plan. To DOST in January for an update.
- Continued research and public process (February-March 2012) on the Urban Open Space plan and citizen outreach.
- Screened 260 site plans and 30 zoning cases that related to environmental issues and/ or trails.
- Went into a 7th printing and an update of the Bike Hike Map (mobile phone accessible) with grant funded monies supplemented by monetary donations collected at Durham's festivals, and estimated 13,000 copies have been given out.
- Presented to neighborhood boards and groups as part of our 2011-2012 public outreach campaign including more outreach to surrounding counties for connections/ interfacing with regional trails.
- Completion of a chapter on the built environment for the 2011-2012 Health Assessment by Durham County Health Department, Published 2012.
- Worked with neighborhood improvement services and others to formulate a trail connector system with the North East Central Durham Initiative livability Study.
- In general, screened lots of calls on low impact development issues, and neighborhood connectivity.
- Worked with Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG) and the Center of the Region (CORE) to facilitate a regional bike and pedestrian plan, finalized 2012-2013.
- Worked with TJCOG and committees to create a storm water design objective.
- Created a trail easement tracking (GIS) application.
- Participated in American Tobacco Trail public safety issues outreach program with internal departments.
- Pushed for a long term trail maintenance source in the CIP 2013.

- Trails miles year to date = 24.3 paved with the completion of Phase E American tobacco (4.1 miles) there will be almost 29 miles of paved trails in Durham.
- Reinstatement of the county matching grants \$ 85,000 funding source and completion of grant funded projects from 2010.
- 25 resolutions were presented to Council and Commissioners regarding trails and other environmental concerns.